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POOR SUBJECT FOR LAUGHTER.

Dispatches from London say that Europe has had only laughter for Carnegie's Peace Conference in New York. It is the truth, Europe has been indulging in very tragical mirth.

An honest and worthy effort to arouse public sentiment against war is the last thing in this world to be laughed at. If one is convinced that man is only the highest order of animal and that it is the nature of the beast to fight, then laughter may be in order. If there were nothing spiritual in man and he could only rise to heights which are attainable by the most highly developed animal, then it would seem farcical to make any appeal to him except such as we would make to the descendants of apes.

So long as the men who mould the opinion of the world believe that war is either a necessary evil or that without periodical killings we should all become "molly-coddles" or "milk-sops," wars will continue.

Until the statesmen of a country, enticed by a powerful section of its press, cease to foster the idea that "manifest destiny" requires war between that country and some other nation, war will be the inevitable result as soon as the masses in either country are worked up to the requisite pitch of frenzy and hatred. But these are not matters to be laughed at.

Mr. Carnegie's purpose is to make an effort to convince all who are concerned that war is not the wisest way to settle differences. He desires to get the nations represented at the approaching Hague conference to add a little more to the scope of arbitration; to agree to discuss the issues which involve war a little longer before deciding to draw the sword. What is there to laugh at in this program? It should be commended by all. Ought a man to grin when another proposes to prevent murder? When Europe, or any other country, giggles over an honest effort to save human life, it must be hard pressed for something to laugh over.

JNO. B. GORDON HONORED

A bronze equestrian statue of Gen. John B. Gordon is to be erected in the Capitol grounds at Atlanta. The unveiling is scheduled for May 25th. In erecting this statue Georgians will honor one of their most distinguished citizens. Entering the Confederate army in 1861 as captain, Gordon fought with such ardor, intelligence, vigor and success that he rose to the rank of lieutenant-general and commanded one wing of General Lee's army at Appomattox. It was he who in March 1865, with two brigades of his corps, attacked at night Grant's lines and captured a half mile of breastworks, including Fort Steadman and several batteries to the right and left—a most remarkable exploit. On the morning of May 9 Gordon's corps made an assault upon the Federals, capturing a battery and a number of prisoners, not knowing that Lee had surrendered. The Georgians were in line of battle when the surrender was announced. After the civil war Gen. Gordon returned to the practice of law. In 1888 he was elected governor of Georgia, but General Meade gave the office to Bullock. From 1873 to 1889 he was a member of the United States Senate, retiring in the latter year to construct the Georgia Pacific railway. In which he was much interested. From 1887 to 1890 he was governor of Georgia, and from 1891 to 1897 he was again in the United States Senate, where he ranked among the most eloquent, the most discreet and the most highly honored leaders of the Democratic party. Through his official utterances and public addresses he exerted for many years a useful influence in calming sectional passions. While active in the work of the organizations of ex-Confederates, his voice was always for conciliation and fraternalization with like organizations of ex-Federals. In honoring her famous son Georgia honors herself.

What is known as the "Mary Ann" system is to be employed in the Wisconsin Legislature for the election of a United States Senator and for settling other disputed points. The "Mary Ann" system provides that each member of the Legislature shall vote his first and second choice at the same time. The second choice votes are to be added to the first choice votes in case the first choice does not result in a nomination. Thus the successful candidate is the first choice of a proportion of the Legislature and the second choice of the remainder.

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We hear of many forms of mental derangement in this day and time; but latest and probably the most general has been discovered in Boston. It is called "financial insanity." The person suffering from it is sane on all other subjects but money, but where money is concerned he will lie, cheat and steal.

President Roosevelt has evidently had a political brain storm. It is reported that he now advocates that campaign funds be furnished by the government. The scheme is characteristically Rooseveltian, because it breaks all precedents, defies all argument and is a feeler for popular approval. He misses it by more than a mile. There is already too much interference in elections by the government. In fact, there are too many excuses and too great an effort to give federal control over the people in all that they do or have to do with. It is contrary to our scheme of government. It takes it away from the representative form and almost destroys every vestige of a democracy, of self government. So revolutionary and so extraordinary is Roosevelt's proposition that it will surely provoke an endless amount of discussion, and it will probably be received with considerable ridicule.

A MYSTERY OF THE SEA.

The Puzzling Beeswax of the Beaches of Oregon.

Of all the secrets held by the flotsam and jetsam of many years none is stranger than that of the beeswax of the Oregon beaches. Long before the white man came to the great northwest by ship or prairie schooner vessels from the orient had skirted the coast. Bits of wreckage have told the story of Chinese junkies gone to pieces on the shore, but the most curious evidence of this eastern traffic has been found on the Oregon coast south of the Columbia river. Mr. Clarke gives an account of this treasure trove in his "Pioneer Days."

When Lewis and Clark made their famous expedition they learned that the native Indians of Oregon had for many years found lumps of beeswax on the sandy shores.

Beeswax is practically indestructible in water, but these pieces had pounded in the surf until they were black and battered almost beyond recognition.

In 1814 one Henry, engaged in the fur trade, wrote an account of finding masses of this wax. The pieces were scattered over a wide stretch of coast and were now covered, now uncovered, by the blowing sand. Some of the lumps were softened into all shapes and sizes by the heat of the sun and bleached nearly white. Others were square and stamped with strange characters.

In 1895 a Mr. Howell, walking on the beach, saw something exposed in the sand. It proved to be the corner of some large squares of beeswax weighing several tons. Many smaller blocks were also found, all bearing the stamped letters "H. S." Besides the squares of wax, quantities of large candles were discovered. In looking up the matter it was learned that as far back as records ran these tapers had been found with the wax on the shore.

Of course the explanation may be that some oriental ship bearing church supplies for a mission farther south went to pieces on the Oregon coast many, many years ago, but what would a ship bound for Mexico or South America be doing so far north, and what use could any mission have for such an enormous quantity of wax?

LITERARY IMPOSTORS.

Many Clever Writers Who Have Deceived the World.

Clever literary impostors who have deceived the world are numerous. Gamaliel Carriell, a Neapolitan gentleman and scholar, while confined to his room for a long period of years by illness amused himself by writing an account of an imaginary voyage round the world. When the volume was published, it was taken as a fact even by learned people.

The detailed account of a trip to China which is credited to Du Halde is another literary hoax. The author had never seen China and had been sufficiently clever to compile the work solely from the memoirs of Chinese missionaries.

It is remarkable, though no less a fact, that "Gulliver's Travels" was thought to be a true narrative when it first appeared, and the famous story of Damborger's travels was likewise a hoax.

Varillas, the French historian, enjoyed a wide reputation as a chronicler of events, but later it was discovered that his works were purely fakes. The volumes of this writer resemble those of Gregorio Reti, who, in order to keep himself from starving, appended the most unheard of incidents to English history as it was known.

One of the most daring impostures on record is that of Joseph Vella of Sicily. He said that he discovered seventeen of the lost books of Livy in Arabia. He then set to work and wrote a translation from his fancy, which was printed. After his death the fraud was discovered. Before his death, however, he fell under suspicion and was condemned to imprisonment.

There are countless cases of authors selling their names to be put on works they have never read. Sir John Hill once contracted to translate a Dutch book. After the agreement he remembered that he did not know a word of Dutch. He then bargained with another translator to do the work for half the price he was to receive.

A Ruse.

(Original.)
"My dear fellow, the woman is fooling you."

"By heaven, you shall prove your words or—"

"Don't speak it, I will prove them."

"How?"

"After my own fashion. I shall take a good deal of trouble and subject myself to some risk, besides securing the lasting enmity of my best friend in case of failure."

"Then don't try."

"And let you fall into the toils of an adventures? Do you call that friendship?"

"Does friendship require one to traduce a pure and noble woman?"

"Enough of this. I am going to take steps to show you that this pure and noble woman is fooling you."

Bisbee, the last speaker, was about to leave, when Hilliard, the other, stopped him. "You do not have my consent to this proceeding, but if you will give me your plan I will execute it myself."

"You shall act with me. Virginia Lambert is now receiving the attentions of a man named Connor—Frank Connor. He—"

"I will go at once, and if I find—"

"Nonsense! Either he knows what she is or he doesn't. If he knows, he will not give her away. If he doesn't, he will consider you a fool to suppose she loves you instead of him."

"What is your plan?"

"I have not yet made it. I will go home and think one out. You shall hear from me as soon as I have done so."

"Very well. I have great confidence in your ingenuity."

"I take chances—that is, in plans laid for myself."

"Take the same chances for me."

The next day Bisbee told his friend that he had formed a plan, but it could not be put in practice till Connor should go out of town for a day or two; but, since he made frequent trips here and there, they should not have long to wait. Ten days later Bisbee announced his plan and that the time was ripe. Connor had gone away for overnight. "You go to his rooms; I will go to his office," he added.

An hour later Hilliard appeared at Connor's rooms and, producing a forged search warrant, proceeded to go through what papers he could find there. He found nothing of correspondence between Mr. Connor and Miss Lambert.

"I'm a fool and a knave," he said to himself, "to resort to such despicable means. I shall wash my hands of the business."

Going to his rooms, he waited till Bisbee came in.

"Well," Hilliard asked, "what luck?"

"Let me tell you what I have done. I went to Connor's office and demanded to see him at once. Of course they told me what I knew—that he was out of town. I told the clerks that he was under suspicion of embezzlement and assumed as a detective to take possession of the office."

"When will Connor return?" I demanded.

"Likely some time during the day."

"You are deceiving me. He will not return till tomorrow. Why do you say he will be here today?"

"Because there is a telegram for him. If he were to remain away overnight, it would not have been sent here."

"Does he not receive telegrams of a business nature?"

"Seldom. They are usually of a private nature."

"Open the telegram."

"The clerk tore off the envelope and handed me the dispatch. It read:

"Be at the gardens at 9 tonight. V. L."

"It is a lie!" exclaimed Hilliard. "You are deceiving me."

"We will go to the gardens and see for ourselves."

There was an open air concert at the gardens, the guests strolling about a pagoda where the orchestra played. The lights were few, but very bright. Consequently there were brilliant spots interspersed with dark ones. The two friends passed back and forth with the throng, keeping their eyes open the while. Presently they espied a couple sitting on a bench in a recess between exuberant foliage. They stood with an electric light pouring its rays full upon them. The lady in the case turned her face to hide it, but she was too late. The two men advanced, and Hilliard cried in a voice of agony:

"Virginia!"

Her companion arose and, stepping forward, exclaimed indignantly:

"Gentlemen, what means this intrusion?"

"It may be an intrusion," Hilliard replied, "but it is justified. The lady you are escorting was to have married me within a few weeks."

The woman gave Hilliard a beseeching look, while his friend Bisbee took him by the arm and tried to lead him away. But he would not go. Raising a walking stick he held in his hand, he brought it down on Connor's skull. Connor replied in kind. A crowd gathered, a policeman rushed to the scene, and the party of four were arrested.

"Fool!" exclaimed Hilliard to his friend. "Now it must all come out, and we shall have to pay for playing detectives."

"I see it all now," said Connor. "You are the men who pretended to be officers of the law."

The result of the episode was that Bisbee was thanked by Hilliard for undeceiving him and instead of being prosecuted by Connor for trespass received also his thanks, since he, too, had been undeceived.

HAROLD OTIS.

Between the ages of fifteen and forty-two, the time when womanhood begins and motherhood ends, it is estimated that the aggregate term of woman's suffering is ten years. Ten years out of thirty. One third of the best part of a woman's life sacrificed! Think of the enormous loss of time! But time is not all that is lost. Those years of suffering steal the bloom from the cheeks, the brightness from the eyes, the fairness from the form. They write their record in many a crease and wrinkle, what a boon then to woman, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It promotes perfect regularity, drives up debilitating drains, heals ulceration, cures female weakness, and establishes the delicate womanly organs in vigorous and permanent health. No other medicine can do for woman what is done by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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DELAND.—The contractors for paving the DeLand-Daytona road say that while the contract gives them until January, 1909, to complete the work, that the road will be built long before that time.—A \$20,000 corporation is being organized in DeLand for the purpose of developing the celery business on a tract of fine land on Lake Beresford. There are about seventy acres of land in this tract, and it is the intention of the company to put in ten acres of celery this fall, and increase the acreage from year to year. The celery business at Sanford has grown to large proportions, and those engaged in it have derived fine profits, and it is claimed that the land of the DeLand celery corporation on Lake Beresford is of the same character as the famous celery farms at Sanford.—DeLand Supplement.

R. L. McKoy and J. W. Spearling have entered into a contract with Capt. W. H. Lyle to drain Carraway lake, four miles from town, on the White Springs road. The lake covers an area of 140 acres, and is said to be alive with fish and alligators. Work began on the canal today, and will be completed about the first of June, when the work of drainage will begin, and continue for 30 days. It is expected that a crowd will be there during that time, and Georgia will be circulated thoroughly. Those who purchase privileges to fish, can do so for the full 30 days, and as the surroundings are elegant for camping, it is expected that a crowd will be continuously present. R. L. McKoy, of this city, has full charge of the arrangements.—Live Oak Democrat.

OCALA.—Last Wednesday a steam boiler at the Sumner Lumber company's mill located at Zuber exploded, killed the engineer, D. S. Bowers, and demolished the engine room, besides doing other damage.

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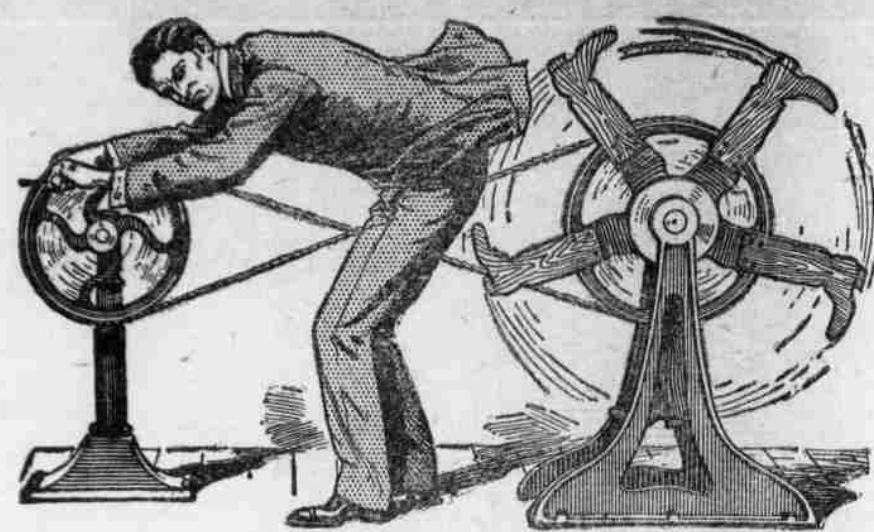
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Trains arrive in Palatka from points north at 10:40 a. m. and 10:35 p. m.

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Notice is hereby given that The R. W. Mattox Co., purchaser of tax certificate No. 121 dated the 4th day of June, A. D. 1894, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

Ne 1/4 of Ne 1/4, section 19, township 8, a range 27 E.—40 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Wm. M. Cann. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 11th day of May, A. D. 1907.

Witness my official signature and seal this 3rd day of April, A. D. 1907.

(Seal) JOSEPH PRICE,
Clerk circuit court Putnam county Fla.
By R. Raymond Price, dep. clerk.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888 Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that The R. W. Mattox Co., purchaser of tax certificate No. Bal. 78, dated the 5th day of June, A. D., 1897, and tax certificate No. Bal. 52, dated the 1st day of July, A. D. 1901, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

W 1/2 of Ne 1/4, Sec. of Ne 1/4, Ne 1/4 of Ne 1/4, section 18, township 8, a range 27, east—180 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 11th day of May, A. D., 1907.

Witness my official signature and seal this 3rd day of April, A. D. 1907.
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